

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA  
Montana Twentieth Judicial District Court, County of Lake

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	CAUSE NO. DC-16-231
-vs-	)	
	)	DECISION
STEPHEN W. L. SEESE,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On February 15, 2017, the Defendant was sentenced to the Montana State Prison for forty (40) years with no time suspended for the offense of Accountability (Negligent Homicide), a felony, under §§45-2-301 and 45-5-104, MCA. and as a Persistent Felony Offender. The Court recommended screening for mental health treatment and chemical dependence treatment, including NEXUS. He was given credit for 215 days of time served.

On May 4, 2017, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence was heard by the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division").

The Defendant was present and was represented by Brent Getty of the Office of the State Public Defender. The State was not represented.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.

Done in open Court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

DATED this 31 day of May, 2017.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Brad Newman, Chairperson



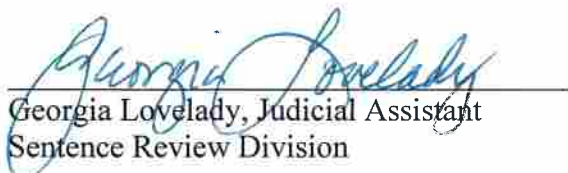
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Hon. Brenda Gilbert, Member

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